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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### UM GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT CREATES LECTURE SERIES

#### MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Geology Department announces the new monthly Geology Evening Lecture Series, beginning Thursday, Feb. 25.

The series will include lectures on earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, pollution case studies, resource issues, and theories about topics like dinosaur extinction, the lost continent of Atlantis, the first plants and animals, and the geological evolution of the northwest.

"Geology and earth sciences play important roles, both directly and indirectly, in our daily lives," Ian Lange, chairman of the UM Geology Department, says. "We think the series will be entertaining, informative and provocative."

Geology faculty and visiting geologic experts will present the lectures during fall, winter and spring quarters.

The first scheduled lectures are:

-- "Mount St. Helens Before, During and After the Great 1980 Eruption" on Feb. 25 by Ian Lange, chairman of UM's Geology Department.

-- "The Awful Truth about the Dinosaurs; The Naked Truth

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about the Columbia Plateau" on April 21 by UM geology Professor David Alt.

-- "Toxic Metal Contamination of the Upper Clark Fork River Floodplain: Warm Springs to Missoula" on May 17 by UM geology professors Johnnie Moore and William Woessner.

The three scheduled lectures will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Underground Lecture Hall on the UM campus.

For more information about the Geology Evening Lecture Series, call 243-2341.

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